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1. THE FIRST DANISH-SOVIET AGREEMENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION WAS UGNED APRIL 28 FOLLOWING A WEEK OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE DANISH ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND A SOVIET DELEGATION LED BY G. SOKOLOVSKY, HEAD OF THE ENVIRONMENT BRANCH OF THE SOVIET MINISTERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. THE AGREEMENT, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK FOR DETERMINING APPROPRIATE AREAS FOR MORE DETAILED COOPERATION LATER, BEARS MAINLY ON THE BALTIC BUT ALSO COVERS NOISE, WASTE DISPOSAL, AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORMS AND STANDARDS.

2. THE DANES HOPE TO BENEFIT FROM CONSIDERABLE SOVIET EXPERIENCE GAINED FROM SEVERAL HYDROLOGICAL INSTITUTES LOCATED ALONG THE BALTIC COAST. THE SOVIETS SEEM TO BE IN THE MARKET FOR NEW EQUIPMENT. DURING THE COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS THE DELEGATES TOOK A CRUISE ON A DANISH EPA RESEARCH VESSEL TO VIEW A DEMONSTRATION OF DANISH EQUIPMENT FOR THE RAPID MEASUREMENT OF WATER UNCLASSIFIED

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DEPTHS, TEMPERATURES, ELECTRIC CONDUCTIVITY, AND

SALINITY. ACCORDING TO THE COPENHAGEN PRESS, THE SOVIETS SHOWED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN THIS EQUIPMENT, REMARKING THAT THEY PLANNED A SIMILAR MEASUREMENT PROGRAM ON LAKE BAIKAL. THE SOVIETS ALSO VISITED A NUMBER OF DANISH FIRMS.

3. FTER THE SIGNING, SOKOLOVSKY SAID THAT A BASIS HAD BEEN CREATED FOR THE POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF DANISH EQUIPMENT DURING THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS. HOWEVER, HE DENIED RUMORS THAT THE SOVIETS HAD ALREADY PLACED ORDERS WORTH \$17 MILLION.

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